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The SPEECH *of the Honourable* Patrick Gordon, *Eſq; Governor of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *and Counties of* New-Caſtle, Kent *and* Suſſex *upon* Delaware.

To the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the ſaid Province, met at *Philadelphia*, Jan. 6. 1730-31.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Tranquility which this Province at preſent enjoys, and the growing Unanimity amongſt us which has happily prevailed over the paſt Feuds and Diſſenſions, are now ſo viſible, that I cannot but Congratulate the Repreſentative Body of this good People, on a Proſpect, ſo delightful in itſelf, ſo deſireable by every good Man who has a real and hearty Love for his Country, and which as it muſt give the higheſt Satisfaction to a Governor, cannot fail of being equally agreeable to the Governed.

Amongſt the many valuable Privileges derived to this Colony from our late honourable Proprietor, that of annual Elections is none of the leaſt, whereby frequent Opportunities are given to the Legiſlature of inſpecting and regulating our publick Affairs; and as the Perſons choſen to that important Truſt are ſuppoſed to be Men of Virtue, Wiſdom and Ability, ſo likewiſe from the Opportunities they have in their reſpective Counties, of knowing the State and Condition of their Country, they cannot but when convened together and ſeriouſly diſpoſed to promote the publick Intereſt, be very good Judges of thoſe Means, by which our Happineſs and Proſperity may be promoted: And from hence it is, Gentlemen, that I think it unneceſſary at this Time to mention to you ſeveral Things, which as they naturally fall under your Conſideration in the Courſe of your Proceedings, will no doubt be as ſeriouſly attended to, as if they had come particularly recommended from me.

I muſt nevertheleſs obſerve, that as it hath pleaſed God this laſt Year to bleſs not only theſe Parts of *America* with a very plentiful Harveſt, but alſo as we hear moſt of the Countries in *Europe*, which of Courſe has put a Stop to their Demand for our Produce; it therefore naturally follows that our own Proviſion muſt be low: We ought however, as Plenty of the Fruits of the Earth has ever been held one of the greateſt Bleſſings of Heaven, not only to acquieſce but be humbly thankful for our preſent Affluence; yet as many may by this Means be pinched by a Stagnation of the Currency, which ever enſues in all Countries where their Produce is not in demand, it may at this Time be incumbent on us to think of all poſſible Meaſures to recommend our Manufactures to a greater Degree abroad, that when at Market they may find a readier Sale.

I have underſtood that when this Colony was young, and had but little Experience, it exceeded all its Neighbours in the Fineneſs of its Flour and Bread, and Goodneſs of its Beer, which are the only Produce of our Grain; the Regulations which have already been made in the two Firſt, have greatly contributed to their Improvement, as well as the Reputation of the Province, and it will ſtill become the Legiſlature to continue their Care and Concern in a Point of ſuch Conſequence to the whole Country: But the Abuſes in the laſt are ſo groſs, that you cannot but be all ſenſible of the Reproach brought on us, when you hear how we have of late been ſupplied by a neighbouring Colony; and therefore I need ſay little to excite your moſt vigorous Reſolutions to apply a proper Remedy, which in my Opinion may very eaſily be found.

And if beſides ſuch Meaſures as may render the Produce of our Grain more valuable, and conſequently bring it more into demand, Encouragement were given to raiſe ſome other Commodities that might have a conſtant and ready vent in *Britain*, and thereby help to make Returns, it would certainly be of vaſt Advantage to the Publick.

In my Speech to the firſt Aſſembly choſen after my Arrival, I mentioned Iron, Hemp and Silk; in the firſt of theſe divers proceeded with Vigour, till the vaſt Quantities unexpectedly imported into *Britain*, from the new Works in *Ruſſia*, where the poor People labour almoſt for nothing, has given ſome damp to that Manufacture: But as Silk comes from Countries long ſettled and accuſtomed to the Buſineſs, where their Prices cannot much alter; and as no Climate in the World is found to agree better with the Silkworm than this; ſince it is impoſſible, that as the Inhabitants increaſe, the raiſing of Grain ſhould always turn to Account for Exportation, nothing in my Judgment can be more worthy of our Application, than to excite the People to the Planting of Mulberry Trees, and furniſhing themſelves with Silkworms, ſince it is a Work of which the pooreſt and feebleſt Families are capable, and Children who can be of little other Service, may here find an Employment ſuitable to their Years; as the Buſineſs is new, People will naturally be backward in falling into the Practice; but if we conſider that all Manufactures were ſo at firſt, that the *Weſt-Indies* were for ſome time ſettled, before they thought of raiſing Sugars, from whence they now make vaſt Eſtates; we ſhould not be diſcouraged: For all Things of this Kind require only Reſolution in the Beginning, at which moſt Things appear difficult, that afterwards become eaſy and familiar. I therefore recommend it to you, *Gentlemen*, to think of ſome ſuitable Encouragement that may prompt the Inhabitants to proper Endeavours on their Parts, and I ſhall uſe mine to procure Perſons of Skill, to lead them into a Way of finiſhing their Labours to Advantage. The raiſing of Hemp, and dreſſing it by Water-rotting, the only Method we find for rendring it truly uſeful, has already its Encouragement; and it is hoped in Time, this alſo may be applied to make Returns.

Theſe are the Points I ſhall now recommend to you, in which, as I have nothing in View but the true Intereſt and Honour of the Province, and of every Subject under my Care, I cannot doubt your ready Concurrence. This Diſpoſition will naturally lead you to Unanimity and Diſpatch, the only Means of giving Succeſs to all our Counſels, and of a happy and ſpeedy Iſſue to the Seſſion; which that we may attain, with ſincere Expreſſions, and real Proofs of Loyalty to his Majeſty, Fidelity to our honourable Propritors, and with the Increaſe of Love and Good-will amongſt all our Inhabitants, is the higheſt of my preſent Wiſhes.

P. GORDON.

To the Honourable PATRICK GORDON, *Eſq; Lieut. Governor of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *&c.*

The *ADDRESS* of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the ſaid Province in General Aſſembly met.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

" AS we are very ſenſible of the great Bleſſings of
" Peace and Unanimity which at this Time ſeem to
" ſubſiſt amongſt all Sorts of People in this Province; ſo
" we do aſſure the Governor, nothing can give us more
" real Satisfaction, than to ſee the juſt Senſe the People in

" general

" general appear to have of the ill Effects of the ground-
" leſs Diviſions and Diſſentions, which ſome Time paſt
" were but too viſible amongſt us; and to obſerve a gene-
" rous Diſpoſition in our Inhabitants of all Conditions to
" live in perfect Harmony with one another; which we
" acknowledge is in a great Meaſure owing to the Gover-
" nor's prudent and ſteady Conduct through the whole
" Courſe of his Adminiſtration amongſt us.

" We hope the People of *Pennſylvania* will never be
" wanting to acknowledge the great Wiſdom and ſingular
" Goodneſs of our late Honourable Proprietor, from whom
" we derive the Privilege of our annual Elections, as
" well as many other Immunities, which have ſo manifeſtly
" contributed to the Proſperity of the Province, and the
" Increaſe of our Inhabitants; and we eſteem it our Duty,
" in diſcharge of the Truſt repoſed in us by the People
" whom we repreſent, to make uſe of all Opportunities to
" do every Thing in our Power that may promote the In-
" tereſt and Welfare of the Country.

" As Plenty of the Fruits of the Earth hath always
" been juſtly eſteemed among the greateſt of temporal
" Mercies, ſo we acknowledge ourſelves moſt humbly
" thankful to Almighty God, who has this Year bleſt us
" with a plentiful Harveſt. As former Aſſemblies have
" ſucceeded ſo well in the Regulations made as to the
" Fineneſs of our Bread and Flour, ſo no Care ſhall be
" wanting in us to uſe all Means poſſible for redreſſing the
" Abuſes we ſuffer in our Trade, by brewing bad Beer.
" We are of the ſame Opinion with the Governor, that
" raiſing Commodities in this Province, fit to make Re-
" mittances for *Great Britain*, would be very advantageous
" to the People here; and wiſh the Means were as eaſily
" obtained, as we are deſirous to accompliſh ſo good a
" Work.

" We acknowledge the Bleſſings we enjoy under the
" Reign of our moſt Gracious Sovereign King GEORGE
" *the Second*, the many valuable Privileges derived to us
" under our Honourable Proprietor, which we ſtill poſſeſs
" without Interruption, under a Governor who has given
" many Inſtances of his Readineſs to do every Thing to
" Advance the Intereſt of *Pennſylvania*.

Signed by Order of the HOUSE,

A. HAMILTON, *Speaker.*

The GOVERNOR's Anſwer.

GENTLEMEN,

I Thank you for this very obliging Addreſs, and aſſure you, that as my ſteady Purpoſes for promoting the general Good of the Province are unalterable, ſo I ſhall be glad to embrace every Opportunity that may enable me to give you Proofs of my Sincerity therein.

P. GORDON.

Cuſtom-Houſe, New-York, from Dec. 22. *to Jan.* 4. *Entred Inwards*, Sharples from Nevis, Hill from Jamaica, Hicks from Boſton and Rh. Iſland, Gruchy from Jamaica. *Outward Entries*, Hicks for Virginia, Thornton for Antigua, Kierſted for Jamaica. *Cleared*, Bryant to London, Gibbs to Curacoa, Hicks to Virginia, Fletcher to Barbadoes, Hunt and Thornton to Antigua.

Cuſtom-Houſe, Philadelphia, Entred inwards None.

Entred outwards.

Brigt Factory, John Rammage, to Barbadoes.

Cleared out.

Sloop Heſter & Jane, Robt. Traile, to N. Carolina.

From Boſton we hear, that their Aſſembly met on the 12th paſt. Gov. Belcher's Speech is too long to be inſerted, but the principal Things recommended in it, are, the Advancement of Virtue and Religion, the Converſion of the Indians to Chriſtianity; the Regulation of the Militia, and the repairing the Forts; the laying a heavier Duty on the Conſumption of diſtill'd Liquors; and the giving a large Bounty on Hemp, Potaſh, Canvas and Linen, to encourage the People to raiſe and produce thoſe Things: And he hopes they are now met with good and dutiful Inclinations to his Majeſty, and a Deſign to comply with his repeated reaſonable Demands concerning the Salary.

Advertiſements.

WHEREAS *Ann* the Wife of *Benjamin Aſhton*, of *Lower Dublin*, in *Philadelphia* County, hath eloped from her ſaid Husband; This is to deſire all Perſons to give her no Credit on his Account, for he will not pay any Debts ſhe ſhall contract after the Publication hereof. *Philad. Jan.* 12. 1731. *Benjamin Aſhton.*

TO be Sold, by the Corporation of St. *Anns, Burlington*, a certain Tract of good arable Land, and Meadow to the ſame, containing the Quantity of two hundred and ſixty Acres, or thereabouts, that did formerly belong to *Richard Stockton*, and afterwards to *Thomas Leiceſter*, deceaſed; and is ſcituate, lying and being in the County of *Somerſet*. Any Perſons diſpoſed to purchaſe the ſame, may apply themſelves to Mr. *Abraham Hewlings* and Mr. *William Cutler* at *Burlington*, where they may be informed of the Title and Terms of the Sale.

Burlington, Jan. 4. *By Order of the ſaid Corporation,*
1730, 1. R. ELLIS, *Cler.*

ON the 30th of *December* laſt, was broken open, the Houſe of *John Falconar*, oppoſite to the Sign of the Scales, near Walnut-ſtreet Wharff, *Philadelphia*, and the following Goods were taken out, *viz.* 12 Yards of light cinamon-colour'd fine Drugget; 2 or 3 Yards of copper colour'd ditto; 1 doz. of double worſted Caps; 1 doz of ſingle, ditto; 6 ſingle Caps flowered; ſeveral doz. of Handkerchiefs; ſeveral doz. of Buckles; two Pieces and and an half of Seerſucker; two Yards 3 qurs. of dark-colour'd Broad-Cloth; 12 Yards of wide Scotch Linen; a nutmeg-colour'd broadcloth Coat, ſtrong Drab, plain Faſhion with a waſtecoat Sleeve; grey Broadcloth Coat, lined and trimmed with black; 1 black Calimanco Waſtecoat ſomewhat worn: a black broadcloth pair of Breeches lined with Fuſtian, new; a bright cinamon-colour'd Pea Jachet, double-breaſted; 5 or 6 blue ſerge Waſtecoats unlined; 5 checked Shirts. Whoever can diſcover the Perſon or Perſons, by their offering the Goods to Sale or otherwiſe, and ſecures them ſo as they may be brought to Juſtice, ſhall be ſufficiently rewarded: Or if any Perſon will reſtore all or moſt part of the ſaid Goods, he ſhall have *Five Pounds* Reward, and no Queſtions asked. *John Falconar.*

WHEREAS on *Saturday* Night laſt, being the 2d of this Inſtant *January*, the Shop of *Chriſtopher Tuthill*, Goldſmith, next Door to the Star and Garter in Front-ſtreet, was broke open and robbed of the following Pieces of Plate, *viz.* One Part of a Skellet of Silver, wt. ten Ounces; One Bar of Silver, wt. 12 Ounces; One Ebony Snuff-box with Silver Hinge; One Silver Tooth-pick Caſe, marked at the Bottom A. D. with a Crown over it; and ten Yards of ſilver Wire rolled up. If the ſaid Plate ſhould be offer'd to be pawn'd or ſold, whoever will ſtop it, and ſecure the Perſon or Perſons, ſo that he or they may be brought to Juſtice, ſhall have *Three Pounds* Reward, and all reaſonable Charges paid, by me *Chriſtopher Tuthill.* *Jan.* 4. 1731.

RUN away from *Abraham Gudding*, Coroner of this County, a Servant Man named *John Fryer*, formerly Servant to Col. *French* deceas'd, a middle-ſiz'd Man, well ſet, black complection, wears his own Hair which is ſtrait and black, has a Scar under his Chin having once attempted to cut his Throat: His Cloaths are dark-colour'd and made faſhionable, with a great Coat of the ſame colour, and probably for want of Shoes wears his Boots. He was ſold out of this Priſon by the Sheriff on the 24th Inſtant, having been try'd for breaking open the Store of Mr. *John Read*, out of which he ſtole ſundry Goods. Whoever ſecures him will do good Service to the Publick, and ſhall have *Forty Shillings* Reward with reaſonable Charges paid, by *Abraham Gudding.* *New-Caſtle, Decem.* 30.

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